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SENATE BILL

No. 2084

Introduced by Senator Polanco (Principal coauthor: Senator Peace)

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section 13340 of, and to add Sections 29145 and 43402 to, the Government Code, to amend Sections 10752, 10753, 10753.1, 10753.2, and 10753.9 of, and to add Sections 225, 10851.5, and 11006 to, the Revenue and Taxation Code, and to amend Sections 260, 550, 630, 4000, 4004, 4150.1, 4458, 5000, 5011, 5014, 5015, 5016, 5017, 5101, 5103, 5106, 5108, 5204, 5301, 5302, 5305, 5902, 8000, 8054, 9250.7, 9250.8, 9250.10, 9250.13, 9250.14, 9250.19, 9260, 9261, 9400, 9406, 36010, and 36109 of, and to add Sections 288, 289, 468, 4000.6, 5014.1, 9250.20, 9400.1, 9406.1, 9554.2, 27910, and 42030.1 to, *and to repeal Sections 6851 and 6851.5 of*, and to amend and renumber Section 390 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2084, as amended, Polanco. Vehicles: fees.

(1) The Vehicle License Fee Law provides that the annual amount of the license fee for any vehicle is 2% of the market

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value of the vehicle, as specified. Also, provisions of existing law provide that the Legislature shall reimburse local agencies annually for certain property tax revenues lost as a result of any exemption or classification of property for purposes of ad valorem property taxation.

The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to classify personal property for differential taxation or for exemption by means of a statute approved by a $^2/_3$ vote of the membership of each house.

This bill would enact the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 2001 (the act). The bill would remove commercial trailers and semitrailers from the Vehicle License Fee Lawand would, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer plate identification program, as described in (3), provide that moneys equal to the sum of vehicle license fees previously collected from commercial trailers or semitrailers under the unladen weight registration system are incorporated into the declared gross vehicle weight fee schedule. The bill would provide that fees collected under the permanent trailer plate identification program as gross weight fees are declared to be the successor to the former vehicle license fee provisions applicable to commercial vehicles and subject to specified provisions of the California Constitution. Pursuant to this constitutional authorization, this bill would exempt from personal property taxation, a commercial motor vehicle or commercial trailer or semitractor, as specified.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding the above described provisions of existing law regarding lost personal property tax revenues, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for property tax revenues lost by them pursuant to the bill.

(2) Existing law prohibits a person from driving, moving, or leaving standing upon a highway, or in an offstreet public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, logging dolly, or auxiliary dolly unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under the Vehicle Code.

This bill would require *that* any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle weight, as defined, that exceeds 10,000 pounds to

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register be registered with the department—and to pay a fee based on the vehicle's gross vehicle weight, as provided. This bill would require a person submitting an application for registration of a commercial motor vehicle to declare the combined gross weight of all units when applying for registration with the department. The bill would also require the commercial motor vehicle's registered owner or the owner's designee to complete a form provided by the department and to be issued a license plate.

(3) Existing law provides that a fleet owner may make a certain declaration on a single form for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet owner's name.

This bill would delete fleet owners from this provision and instead make the provision applicable to registered owners, lessors, or designees.

(4) Existing law provides for the issuance of identification plates for certain vehicles, including tow dollies.

The bill would delete tow dollies from that identification plates program and other provisions.

The bill would require, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, which shall commence on January 1, December 31, 2001, that specified trailers, including tow dollies, be assigned permanent trailer identification plates and be issued an identification certificate which shall be available for inspection by a peace officer. The bill would require an unspecified service fee to be assessed and would require an applicant for renewal of a permanent trailer identification plate to be charged a \$25 annual fee. This bill would require the department to assess a service fee, not exceed \$20, assigning a permanent trailer upon identification plate. This bill would require that an applicant for renewal of permanent trailer identification plates pay a \$25 annual fee. The bill would make corresponding changes.

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(5) Under existing law, the registered owner or lessee of a fleet of vehicles consisting of motor vehicles or commercial trailers, as specified, or passenger automobiles is authorized to apply to the department for permanent license plates or decals and registration cards.

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This bill would delete commercial trailers from that program, would limit the program to motor vehicles, would allow participation in the program to continue in the program for 5 years after implementation of the act even though those participants are out of compliance with the act, and would make related changes.

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(6) Existing law allows the Reciprocity Commission to enter into agreements that provide exemption of regulatory fees that are, or may be imposed, by the Public Utilities Commission.

This bill would include regulatory fees that are, or may be imposed, by the department within the above provision.

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(7) Existing law requires an application for a transfer of registration of commercial motor vehicles, as specified, to include a specified declaration by the owner to the department.

This bill would require, additionally, that an application for a transfer of a commercial motor vehicle that exceeds 10,000 pounds declared gross vehicle weight, include a notification, made by the new registered owner, or that owner's designee, of the declared gross vehicle weight of the commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination.

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(8) Existing law requires the department, upon the application for transfer of ownership of a fleet of vehicles apportionately registered to permit registration in the new owners name without reassessing the registration, weight, and vehicle license fees, if the application of the new ownership is for the same fleet interstate operation as the previous owner.

This bill would require the new owner, or the owner's lessee, or their designee, to certify the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or vehicles on a single form for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet owner's or lessee's name and would impose related duties on the department.

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(9) Existing law authorizes local governments to impose additional registration or renewal registration fees on vehicles, as specified.

This bill would exempt eommercial trailers and semitrailers from these provisions and would impose those additional fees on the owners of all commercial motor vehicles, as specified.

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(10) Under existing law, the fee for a foreign trip permit issued for a commercial trailer meeting the registration requirements of a foreign jurisdiction is \$5.

This bill would delete that fee.

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(11) Existing law requires, in addition to any other registration fee, the payment of fees for the registration of any commercial vehicle based on its unladen weight.

This bill would set forth an additional schedule. The existing schedule, as revised, would apply to any commercial vehicle singly, or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less, including pickup trucks. The new schedule of fees would apply to the registration of commercial motor vehicles, operated either singly or in combination, with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more. The new schedule would not include pickup truck weight fees. The bill would revise the definition of "farm trailers" to conform to the weight changes made by the bill.

The bill provides a schedule of fines for persons who violate any declared gross vehicle weight limitations provided for in the bill.

The bill would require that, upon the operation of a commercial motor vehicle at a greater gross vehicle weight than that had been reported to and registered by the department, a new registration application be made to the department.

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(12) The bill would require the Department of the California Highway Patrol, after consultation with representatives from the Department of Transportation, the Board of Equalization, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the commercial vehicle industry, to provide, on or before

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an unspecified date, recommendations to the Legislature for actions to be taken to ensure compliance with the provisions of the bill.

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(13) The bill would require the Department of **Transportation** Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol. the Department of Motor Vehicles Transportation, the Board of Equalization, and the commercial vehicle industry, to review and report on or before January 1, 2002 2003, and annually thereafter, to the Legislature its findings and, if applicable, make any recommendation as to the necessary adjustments in the fee schedule, to ensure that revenue neutrality is obtained and maintained for all affected entities and funds. This bill would require the Controller, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Finance, to recalculate the distribution of motor vehicle license fees paid by commercial vehicles pursuant to the gross vehicle weight fee schedule and transfer those sums, as provide specified. This bill would that the scheduled disbursement of motor vehicle license fee revenues is not subject to the existing law limitation that General Fund revenues may not be continuously appropriated beyond a certain date. This bill would create special funds in the General Fund which would be continuously appropriated for allocation to each county, city, and city and county in the same manner as those funds were received pursuant to specified provisions of the Vehicle License Fee Law. This bill would also specify how the validity of certain provisions of the bill may be challenged. This bill would provide that specified provisions of the bill shall be operative in the alternative, depending on a determination by the California Supreme Court. The bill would appropriate \$3,520,809 to the Department of Motor Vehicles from the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund for purposes of implementing the bill.

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(14) This bill would require that any challenge relating to the issue of whether or not certain sums qualify as a successor to the Vehicle License Fee Law must be raised before the __ 7 __ SB 2084

California Supreme Court by writ within 30 days of the date this bill is enacted and becomes operative.

This bill would provide that if a challenge is raised, the provisions of the bill would not become operative until the date the Department of Motor Vehicles is notified by the Department of Finance of a final determination by the California Supreme Court that the revenues collected under a specified section are a successor to the Vehicle License Fee Law.

(15) Because violations of certain of the above fee, weight, and declaration requirements would be a crime under existing law, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes.

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(16) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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(17) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that it is necessary to convert California's system of commercial vehicle registration from an unladen weight system to a gross vehicle weight system and to initiate a permanent trailer identification program. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature that this conversion be revenue neutral to all cities and counties and all other unladen weight fee system recipients.
- 9 (b) For the purposes of this act, "revenue neutrality" 10 requires that all recipients of the fees collected under the 11 system in effect on December 31, 1999 2000, shall receive 12 the same level of funding, with the same degree of

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flexibility, after the conversion to the system created by this act.

- (c) This act shall be known, and may be cited as, the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 2001.
- 5 SEC. 1.2. Section 13340 of the Government Code is 6 amended to read:
- 13340. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), on and after July 1, 2000 2001, no moneys in that fund that, by any statute other than a Budget Act, is continuously 10 appropriated without regard to fiscal years, may be encumbered unless the Legislature, by statute, specifies 12 that the moneys in the fund are appropriated for 13 encumbrance.
- (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to any of the 15 following:
- (1) The scheduled disbursement of any local sales and 17 use tax proceeds to an entity of local government 18 pursuant to Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (2) The scheduled disbursement of any transactions 21 and use tax proceeds to an entity of local government pursuant to Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of 23 Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (3) The scheduled disbursement of any funds by a 25 state or local agency or department that issues bonds and which administers related programs for funds continuously appropriated as of June 30, 2000 2001.
 - (4) Moneys that are deposited in proprietary fiduciary funds of the California State University and that are continuously appropriated without regard to fiscal
- 32 (5) The scheduled disbursement of any motor vehicle 33 license fee revenues, including the General appropriations made pursuant to Sections 11000 and 11000.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to an entity 36 of local government pursuant to the Vehicle License Fee 37 Law (Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of 38 Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code).
- (6) The scheduled disbursement of any motor vehicle fee revenues, including the General

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appropriations made pursuant to Sections 11006 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to an entity of local government pursuant to the Vehicle License Fee Law (Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of 5 the Revenue and Taxation Code).

(7) The scheduled disbursement of moneys made pursuant to Section 29145.

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- (8) The scheduled disbursement moneys made pursuant to Section 43402.
- SEC. 1.3. Section 29145 is added to the Government 10 11 Code, to read:
- 29145. (a) Beginning operative on the date 13 Section 55.2 of the act that added this section, the County 14 Successor to Vehicle License Fee Resulting From IRP 15 Conformity Account is hereby created as a special fund 16 in the General Fund. All money in the County Successor to Vehicle License Fee Resulting From IRP Conformity 17 18 Account is hereby continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, to the Controller for allocation in accordance with subdivision (c).
 - (b) All of the following shall occur on a quarterly basis:
- (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles. in 23 consultation with the Department of Finance, 24 estimate the revenues, less refunds, which that represent 25 the amount of vehicle license fees which would be paid 26 by trailers and semi trailers semitrailers pursuant to the 27 Vehicle License Fee Law (Part 5 (commencing with 28 Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation 29 Code) had Sections 5014.1 and 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code 30 not been enacted, which would be allocated to a county or city and county pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 11006 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (2) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall inform 34 the Controller, in writing, of the amount estimated under paragraph (1).
- (c) The Controller 36 shall then transfer from 37 General Fund, on a quarterly basis to each county, including a city and county, from the total sums 38 computed pursuant to subdivision (b) an amount which represents the total population of that county bears to the

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total population of all the counties in the state, as determined pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 11005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

- (d) Funds received by any county, or city and county 5 pursuant to this section may be used by that county, or city and county in the same manner as if those funds were received pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (e) of Section 11005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- 9 SEC. 1.4. Section 43402 is added to the Government 10 Code, to read:
- 43402. (a) Beginning on the operative date of 12 Section 55.2 of the act that added this section, the City 13 Successor to Vehicle License Fee Resulting From IRP 14 Conformity Account is hereby created as a special fund 15 in the General Fund. All money in the City Successor to 16 Vehicle License Fee Resulting From IRP Conformity 17 Account is hereby continuously appropriated, without 18 regard to fiscal years, to the Controller for allocation in accordance with subdivision (c).
 - (b) All of the following shall occur on a quarterly basis:
- (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles. 22 consultation with the Department of Finance, shall 23 estimate the revenues, less refunds, which that represent 24 the amount of vehicle license fees which would be paid 25 by trailers and semi trailers semitrailers pursuant to the 26 Vehicle License Fee Law (Part 5 (commencing with 27 Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation 28 Code) had Sections 5014.1 and 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code not been enacted, which would be allocated to a city or 30 city and county pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 11005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
 - (2) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall inform the Controller, in writing, of the amount estimated under paragraph (1).
- Controller (c) The shall then transfer from the 36 General Fund, on a quarterly basis to each city, including a city and county, from the total sums computed pursuant 38 to subdivision (b) an amount which that represents the total population of that city bears to the total population of all the cities in the state, as determined pursuant to

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subdivision (d) of Section 11005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

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- (d) Funds received by any city pursuant to this section may be used by that city, or city and county in the same manner as if those funds were received pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (e) of Section 11005 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- SEC. 1.5. Section 225 is added to the Revenue and 8 9 Taxation Code, to read:
- 225. A commercial vehicle trailer or semitrailer that 10 has a valid identification plate issued to it pursuant to Section 5014.1 of the Vehicle Code is exempt from 12 13 personal property taxation.
- SEC. 2. Section 10752 of the Revenue and Taxation 15 Code is amended to read:
- 10752. The annual amount of the license fee for any vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer or 18 a trailer coach which that is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle 20 Code, shall be a sum equal to 2 percent of the market value of the vehicle as determined by the department. 21
- SEC. 3. Section 10753 of the Revenue and Taxation 23 Code, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 724 of the Statutes of 1999, is amended to read:
- 10753. (a) Upon the first sale of a new vehicle, other 26 than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, to a consumer and upon each sale of a used vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, to a consumer, the department shall determine the market value of the 30 vehicle on the basis of the cost price to the purchaser as 31 evidenced by a certificate of cost, but not including 32 California sales or use tax or any local sales, transactions, use, or other local tax. "Cost price" includes the value of 34 any modifications made by the seller.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the department 36 shall not redetermine the market value of used vehicles, or modify the vehicle license fee classification of used vehicles determined pursuant to Section 10753.1 or 10753.2, when the seller is the parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, or spouse of the purchaser, and the seller is

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not engaged in the business of selling vehicles subject to registration under the Vehicle Code, or when a lessor, as defined in Section 372 of the Vehicle Code, transfers title and registration of a vehicle to the lessee at the expiration 5 or termination of a lease.

- (c) (1) In the event any vehicle, other than commercial trailer or semitrailer, is modified or additions are made to the chassis or body at a cost of two hundred dollars (\$200) or more, but not including any change of 10 engine of the same type or any cost of repairs to a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle shall report any modification or addition to the department and the department shall 12 13 classify or reclassify the vehicle in its proper class as 14 provided in Section 10753.1 or 10753.2, taking into 15 consideration the increase in the market value of the 16 vehicle due to those modifications or additions, and any 17 reclassification resulting in increase in market value shall 18 be based on the cost to the consumer of those modifications or additions. In the event any vehicle is modified or altered resulting in a decrease in the market value thereof of two hundred dollars (\$200) or more as reported to and determined by the department, department shall classify or reclassify the vehicle in its proper class as provided in Section 10753.1 or 10753.2.
 - (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any of the following:
- (A) When the cost of any modification or addition to 28 the chassis or body of a vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, is less than two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (B) When the cost is for modifications or additions 32 necessary to incorporate a system approved by the State Air Resources Board as meeting the emission standards 34 set forth in subdivisions (a) and (b) of former Section 35 39102 and former Section 39102.5 of the Health and Safety 36 Code as they read on December 31, 1975.
- (C) When the cost is for modifications that are 37 necessary to enable a disabled person to use or operate the vehicle.

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1 (d) This section also applies to a system as specified in 2 subdivision (c) that is approved by the State Air Resources Board as meeting the emission standards specified in subdivisions (a) and (b) of former Section 5 39102 and former Section 39102.5 of the Health and Safety 6 Code as they read on December 31, 1975, for vehicles 6,001 pounds or less, manufacturer's gross vehicle weight, controlled to meet exhaust emission standards when sold new, when that system is used in any vehicle over 6,001 10 pounds or any vehicle 6,001 pounds or less not controlled to meet exhaust emission standards.

(e) The temporary attachment of any camper, 13 defined in Section 243 of the Vehicle Code, to a vehicle 14 is not a modification or addition for the purposes of subdivision (c).

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- (f) The attachment to a vehicle of radiotelephone equipment furnished by a telephone corporation, defined in Section 234 of the Public Utilities Code, is not a modification or addition for the purpose of subdivision (c), when that equipment is not owned by the owner of the vehicle.
- SEC. 4. Section 10753.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 10753.1. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and, thereafter, a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of that number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.
- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a 38 commercial trailer or semitrailer, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was

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first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year the vehicle was sold to the current registered owner as a used vehicle, shall be as follows: for the first year, 85 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its 6 class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 85 percent of that sum; for the third year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 55 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 40 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 10 30 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 25 percent 11 of that sum; for the eighth year, 15 percent of that sum; 12 for the ninth year, 10 percent of that sum; and for the 10th year and each succeeding year, 5 percent of that sum; 14 provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be the 15 sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, 16 the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under 17 18 permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle 19 Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 20 10753.3. 21

- (d) This section shall become operative on the first day 22 of the month following the month in which 23 Department of Motor Vehicles is notified by 24 Department of Finance of a final judicial determination 25 by the California Supreme Court or any California court of appeal of either of the following:
- (1) The allocation of funds from the Vehicle License 28 Fee Account or the Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund established during the 30 1991-92 Regular Session is in violation of Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.

- (2) The state is obligated to reimburse counties for costs of providing medical services to medically indigent adults pursuant to Chapters 328 and 1594 of the Statutes 34 35 of 1982.
- SEC. 5. Section 10753.2 of the Revenue and Taxation 36 37 Code is amended to read:
- 38 10753.2. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle, other than a

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commercial trailer or semitrailer, in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.

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- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from no zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of such a number of classes as that will permit classification of all vehicles.
- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a 13 commercial trailer or semitrailer, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was 15 first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year the vehicle was sold to the current registered owner as a used vehicle, shall be as follows: for the first year, 100 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 90 percent of that sum; for the third year, 80 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 60 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 50 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 40 percent of that sum; for the eighth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the ninth year, 25 percent of that sum; and for the 10th year, 20 percent of that sum; and for the 11th year and 29 each succeeding year, 15 percent of that sum; provided, 30 however, that the minimum tax shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 10753.3.
 - (d) This section shall cease to be operative on the first day of the month following the month in which the Vehicles is Department of Motor notified by Department of Finance of a final judicial determination

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by the California Supreme Court or any California court of appeal of either of the following:

- (1) The allocation of funds from the Vehicle License Fee Account or the Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund established during the 5 1991–92 Regular Session is in violation of Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- (2) The state is obligated to reimburse counties for costs of providing medical services to medically indigent adults pursuant to Chapters 328 and 1594 of the Statutes 10 11 of 1982.
- 12 SEC. 6. Section 10753.9 of the Revenue and Taxation 13 Code is amended to read:
 - 10753.9. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is 20 established consisting of the following classes: a class from no zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of that number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.
- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a 29 commercial trailer or semitrailer, for each registration 30 year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a 31 consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was 32 first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year ownership of 34 a used vehicle was sold or transferred to the current registered owner, shall be as follows: for the first year, 85 36 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 85 percent of that sum; for the third year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 55 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 40 percent of that sum; for the

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sixth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 25 percent of that sum; for the eighth year, 15 percent of that sum; for the ninth year, 10 percent of that sum; for the 10th year and each succeeding year, 5 percent of that sum; provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be 5 6 sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in 10 11 Section 10753.3.

- (d) This section shall become operative and shall apply to both of the following:
- (1) Initial or original registration of any vehicle never before registered in this state for which fees become due on July 15, 1991, and on or before July 31, 1991.
- (2) Renewal of registration of any vehicle whose registration expires on or before July 31, 1991.
- SEC. 7. Section 10851.5 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:
- 10851.5. (a) With the implementation of the permanent trailer plate identification program, moneys, equal to the sum of the vehicle license fees that were collected from commercial trailers or semitrailers under 25 the unladen weight registration system, prior to January 1, 2000, shall be incorporated into the declared gross vehicle weight fee schedule as set forth in Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code.
- (b) Those moneys described in subdivision (a) shall be 30 accounted for and distributed in the same manner as the moneys collected for commercial trailer and semitrailer vehicle license fees. These fees, which will now be collected as part of the gross vehicle weight fees as 34 established in Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code, are declared to be the successor to the former vehicle license 36 fee provisions applicable to commercial vehicles and subject to Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
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1 SEC. 7. Section 11006 is added to the Revenue and 2 Taxation Code, to read:

- operative 11006. (a) Beginning on the date of Section 55.2 of the act that added this section, the Controller, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles the Department of Finance. recalculate the distribution of the amount of motor vehicle license fees paid by commercial vehicles that are subject to Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code and transfer 10 those sums as follows in the following order:
- 11 (1) An amount sufficient to cover all allocations and 12 interception of funds associated with all pledges, liens, 13 encumbrances and priorities as set forth in Section 14 25350.6 of the Government Code, which shall be 15 transferred so as to pay that allocation.
- 16 (2) An amount sufficient to continue allocations to the
 17 State Treasury to the credit of the Vehicle License Fee
 18 Account of the Local Revenue Fund, as established
 19 pursuant to Section 17600 of the Welfare and Institutions
 20 Code, which would be in the same amount had the
 21 amendments made to Section 10752 of the Revenue and
 22 Taxation Code made by the act that added this section
 23 had not been enacted, which shall be deposited in the
 24 State Treasury to the credit of the Vehicle License Fee
 25 Account Local Revenue Fund of the Local Revenue
 26 Fund, as established pursuant to Section 17600 of the
 27 Welfare and Institutions Code.
- 28 (3) An amount sufficient to continue allocations to the 29 State Treasury to the credit of the Vehicle License Fee 30 Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund, as 31 established pursuant to Section 17604 of the Welfare and 32 Institutions Code, which would be in the same amount 33 had the amendments made to Section 10752 of the 34 Revenue and Taxation Code made by the act that added 35 this section had not been enacted, which shall be 36 deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the 37 Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local 38 Revenue Fund, as established pursuant to Section 17604 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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(4) An amount sufficient to cover all allocations and interception of funds associated with all pledges, liens, encumbrances and priorities, other than those referred to 4 in paragraph (1), as set forth in Section 25350 and following of, Section 53584 and following of, 5460 and following of, the Government Code, which shall be transferred so as to pay those allocations.

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- (b) The balance of any funds not otherwise allocated pursuant to subdivision (a) shall continue to be deposited 10 to the credit of the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account in the Transportation Tax Fund and allocated to each city, county, and city and county as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) In enacting paragraphs (1) and (4) of subdivision 14 (a), the Legislature declares that paragraphs (1) and (4) 15 of subdivision (a), shall not be construed to obligate the 16 State of California to make any payment to a city, city and county, or county from the Motor Vehicle License Fee 18 Account in the Transportation Tax Fund in any amount 19 or pursuant to any particular allocation formula, or to make any other payment to a city, city and county, or county, including, but not limited to, any payment in satisfaction of any debt or liability incurred or guaranteed if the State of California had not so bound itself prior to the enactment of this section.
 - SEC. 8. Section 260 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
 - 260. (a) A "commercial vehicle" is a *motor* vehicle, including, but not limited to, commercial trailers and semitrailers, of a type required to be registered under this code used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.
- (b) Passenger vehicles which are not used for the 34 transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit housecars are not commercial vehicles. subdivision shall not apply to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 6700) of Division 3.
 - (c) Any vanpool vehicle is not a commercial vehicle.

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(d) The definition of a commercial vehicle in this section does not apply to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 15200) of Division 6.

- SEC. 9. Section 288 is added to the Vehicle Code, to 5 read:
- 6 288. "Declared combined gross weight" equals the total unladen weight of the combination of vehicles plus the heaviest load that may will be transported by that combination of vehicles.
- SEC. 10. Section 289 is added to the Vehicle Code, to 10 11 read:
- 12 289. "Declared gross vehicle weight" means weight 13 that equals the total unladen weight of the vehicle plus the heaviest load that may will be transported on the vehicle. 15
 - SEC. 11. Section 390 of the Vehicle Code is amended and renumbered to read:
- 350. (a) "Gross vehicle weight rating" (GVWR) 18 19 means the weight specified by the manufacturer as the 20 loaded weight of a single vehicle.
- (b) Gross combination weight rating (GCWR) means 22 the weight specified by the manufacturer as the loaded 23 weight of a combination or articulated vehicle. In the 24 absence of a weight specified by the manufacturer, 25 GCWR shall be determined by adding the GVWR of the power unit and the total unladen weight of the towed units and any load thereon.
- 28 SEC. 12. Section 468 is added to the Vehicle Code, to 29 read:
- 30 468. The department shall commence the "permanent trailer identification plate program," 32 program that the director shall commence on January 1, 2001 or after December 31, 2001, and may designate the
- 34 method, consistent with this code, to be used by trailers,
- 35 as defined in Section 5014.1, to receive an assigned
- 36 permanent trailer identification plate for all trailers,
- 37 except for trailer coaches and park trailers as described
- 38 in subdivision (b) of Section 18010 of the Health and
- Safety Code, for identification purposes. An auxiliary
- 40 dolly or tow dolly may be assigned a permanent trailer

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identification plate. The plate shall be in a size and design as determined by the department. The permanent trailer identification plate shall not expire.

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- SEC. 13. Section 550 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 550. A "semitrailer" is a vehicle, which may include, but is not limited to, a commercial vehicle, designed for carrying persons or property, used in conjunction with a motor vehicle, and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon, or is carried by, 10 another vehicle.
- 12 SEC. 14. Section 630 of the Vehicle Code is amended 13 to read:
- 630. A "trailer" is a vehicle, which may include, but is 15 not limited to, a commercial vehicle, designed for 16 carrying persons or property on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that 18 no part of its weight rests upon any other vehicle. As used in Division 15 (commencing with Section 35000), "trailer" includes a semitrailer when used in conjunction with an auxiliary dolly, if the auxiliary dolly is of a type constructed to replace the function of the drawbar and the front axle or axles of a trailer.
- SEC. 15. Section 4000 of the Vehicle Code is amended 24 25 to read:
- 4000. (a) (1) No person shall drive, move, or leave 27 standing upon a highway, or in an offstreet public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, or logging dolly, unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under this code or registered under the permanent trailer identification 32 program, except that an off-highway motor vehicle which 33 displays an identification plate or device issued by the 34 department pursuant to Section 38010 may be driven, 35 moved, or left standing in an offstreet public parking 36 facility without being registered or paying registration fees.
- 38 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "offstreet public parking facility" means either of the following: 39
 - (A) Any publicly owned parking facility.

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(B) Any privately owned parking facility for which no fee for the privilege to park is charged and which is held open for the common public use of retail customers.

- (3) This subdivision does not apply to any motor 5 vehicle stored in a privately owned offstreet parking 6 facility by, or with the express permission of, the owner of the privately owned offstreet parking facility.
- (b) No person shall drive, move, or leave standing upon a highway any motor vehicle, as defined in Chapter 10 2 (commencing with Section 39010) of Part 1 of Division 11 26 of the Health and Safety Code, which has been 12 registered in violation of Part 5 (commencing with 13 Section 43000) of that Division 26.
- (c) Subdivisions (a) and (b) do apply to not 15 off-highway motor vehicles operated pursuant to Sections 16 38025 and 38026.5.
- (d) This section does not apply, following payment of 18 fees due for registration, during the time that registration and transfer is being withheld by the department pending the investigation of any use tax due under the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (e) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a vehicle that is 23 towed by a tow truck on the order of a sheriff, marshal, or other official acting pursuant to a court order or on the 25 order of a peace officer acting pursuant to this code.
- (f) Subdivision (a) applies to a vehicle that is towed 27 from a highway or offstreet parking facility under the direction of a highway service organization when that organization is providing emergency roadside assistance 30 to that vehicle. However, the operator of a tow truck providing that assistance to that vehicle is not responsible 32 for the violation of subdivision (a) with respect to that vehicle. The owner of an unregistered vehicle that is 34 disabled and located on private property, shall obtain a permit from the department pursuant to Section 4003 36 prior to having the vehicle towed on the highway.
- (g) For purposes of this section, possession of a 38 California driver's license by the registered owner of a vehicle shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption that the owner is a resident of California.

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1 SEC. 16. Section 4000.6 is added to the Vehicle Code, 2 to read:

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- 4000.6. Any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle weight that exceeds 10,000 pounds shall be required to 6 register registered pursuant to Section 9400.1.
- commercial motor vehicle operated in combination with a semitrailer, trailer, or any combination thereof, shall declare the gross vehicle 10 weight of all units of the combination when applying for 11 registration with the department. person submitting an 12 application for registration of a commercial motor 13 vehicle operated in combination with a semitrailer, 14 trailer, or any combination thereof, shall include the 15 declared combined gross weight of all units when 16 applying for registration with the department.
- (b) This section does not apply to pickups nor to any 18 commercial motor vehicle or combination, that does not 19 exceed 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- (c) Any peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 21 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the 22 Penal Code, having reason to believe that a motor 23 vehicle, singly or in combination, is being operated in 24 excess of its registered declared gross vehicle weight, may 25 require the driver to stop and submit to an inspection or 26 weighing of the vehicle or vehicles and an inspection of registration documents.
- 28 SEC. 17. Section 4004 of the Vehicle Code is amended 29 to read:
- 30 4004. (a) (1) Commercial motor vehicles meeting 31 the registration requirements of a foreign jurisdiction, and subject to registration but not entitled to exemption from registration or licensing under any of the provisions 34 of this code or any agreements, arrangements, or 35 declarations made under Article 3 (commencing with 36 Section 8000) of Chapter 4, may, as an alternate to such registration, secure a temporary registration to operate in 38 this state for a period of not to exceed 90 days, or a trip permit to operate in this state for a period of four 40 consecutive days.

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(2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single commercial motor vehicle for a period of not more than four consecutive days, commencing with the 4 day of first use and three consecutive days thereafter. 5 Every permit shall identify, as the department may 6 require, the commercial motor vehicle for which it is issued. Each trip permit shall be completed prior to 8 operation of the commercial motor vehicle on any highway in this state and shall be carried in the 10 commercial motor vehicle to which it applies and shall be 11 readily available for inspection by a peace officer. Each permit shall be valid at the time of inspection by a peace 12 13 officer only if it has been completed as required by the 14 department and has been placed in the appropriate receptacle as required by this section. It is unlawful for 16 any person to fail to comply with the provisions of this 17 section.

- (b) The privilege of securing and using a trip permit 19 or a temporary registration not to exceed 90 days shall not 20 extend to the following:
- (1) Any vehicle which is based within this state and 22 which is operated by a person having an established place 23 of business within this state. For purposes of this 24 paragraph, a commercial motor vehicle shall 25 considered to be based in this state if it is primarily operated or dispatched from or principally garaged or serviced or maintained at a site with an address within this state.
- (2) Vehicles registered in any jurisdiction with which 30 the State of California does not have vehicle licensing reciprocity, unless the Reciprocity Commission extends such the privilege, by rule, after hearing.
- 33 (c) The temporary registration trip or permit 34 authorized pursuant to this section shall include the diesel 35 fuel permit number issued by the State Board of 36 Equalization. Any temporary registration or trip permit 37 for a diesel power unit which does not include this 38 information shall be invalid and shall subject the operator to citation for violation of subdivision (a) of Section 4000. 40 All fees for registration of commercial motor vehicles

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shall be due upon the issuance of a citation, unless the person in whose name the permit was issued can produce proof of issuance of a California fuel tax permit prior to 4 the date of the violation.

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- (d) Any trailer or semitrailer identified in paragraph 6 (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 that enters the state without a currently valid license plate issued by California or another jurisdiction shall be immediately subject to full registration fees as specified in subdivision 10 (f) of Section 5014.
- SEC. 18. Section 4150.1 of the Vehicle Code is 12 amended to read:
- 4150.1. (a) (1) In addition to the requirements of 14 Section 4150, application for the original registration of a 15 commercial motor vehicle specified in Section 34500 shall 16 include a declaration, made by the owner to the 17 department upon the appropriate form furnished by it, 18 that the owner is aware of the applicable motor carrier safety regulations adopted by the Department of the 20 California Highway Patrol pursuant to Section 34501.
- (2) A fleet owner The registered owner, lessee, or 22 designee may make this declaration on a single form for 23 all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet 24 registered owner's name.
- (b) (1) On a form provided by the department, the 26 registered owner of record, lessee, or the owner's 27 designee shall certify and report the declared gross 28 vehicle weight of any commercial motor vehicle, singly 29 or in combination, in excess of 10,000 pounds declared gross vehicle weight.
- (2) A single form may be used or referenced for 32 multiple vehicles of like declared gross vehicle weight.
- SEC. 19. Section 4458 of the Vehicle Code is amended 34 to read:
- 4458. If both license plates or a permanent trailer 36 identification plate, or both, are lost by or stolen from the registered owner, the registered owner shall immediately notify a law enforcement agency, and shall immediately apply to the department for new plates in lieu of the plates stolen or lost. The department shall in every proper

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1 case, except in the case of plates which are exempt from 2 fees, cause to be issued applicable license plates of a different number and assign the registration number to the vehicle for which the plates are issued.

SEC. 20. Section 5000 of the Vehicle Code is amended 5 6 to read:

- 5000. (a) License Identification plates issued trailers, semitrailers, motor-driven cycles, and pole and pipe dollies, and such vehicles as are exempt from the 10 payment of registration fees under this code shall display 11 suitable distinguishing marks or symbols, 12 registration numbers assigned to each class of vehicles 13 shall run in a separate numerical series, except that 14 registration numbers assigned to vehicles exempt from 15 the payment of registration fees may run in several 16 separate numerical series.
- (b) Vehicles subject to Sections 9400 and 9400.1 shall 18 be issued license plates with suitable distinguishing marks or symbols distinguishing them from other license plates 20 issued.
- (c) Vehicles subject to Section 5014.1 shall be issued 22 permanent identification plates with suitable 23 distinguishing marks or symbols that distinguish them 24 from other license plates.
- 25 SEC. 21. Section 5011 of the Vehicle Code is amended 26 to read:
- 5011. (a) Every piece of special construction 28 equipment, special mobile equipment, cemetery equipment, every tow dolly, trailer, semitrailer, and 30 every logging vehicle shall display an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5014.
- (b) Effective January 1, 1986, all existing identification plates are canceled. Owners of vehicles specified in 34 subdivision (a) shall apply for identification plates pursuant to Section 5014 or 5016.5.
- 21.5. Section 5014 of the Vehicle Code is 36 SEC. amended to read: 37
- 5014. An application by a person other than a 38 manufacturer or dealer for an identification plate for 39 construction equipment, cemetery

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special mobile equipment, logging vehicle, cotton trailer,

- or farm trailer as specified in Section 36109, a vehicle that
- is farmer-owned and used as provided in subdivision (b)
- of Section 36101, a motor vehicle which is farmer-owned
- and operated and used as provided in subdivision (a) of
- Section 36101, an automatic bale wagon operated as
- specified in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 36102, or a
- farm trailer that is owned, rented, or leased by a farmer
- and is operated and used as provided in subdivision (b)
- of Section 36010, shall include the following: 10

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- (a) The true, full name and the driver's license or identification card number, if any, of the owner. 12
 - (b) A statement by the owner of the use or uses which he or she intends to make of the equipment.
- of the vehicle, (c) A description including 16 distinctive marks or features.
- (d) A photograph of the vehicle. Only one photograph 18 of one piece of equipment shall be required to be attached to the application when identification plates are to be obtained for more than one piece of equipment, each of which is of the same identical type.
 - (e) Other information as may reasonably be required by the department to determine whether the applicant is entitled to be issued an identification plate.
- (f) A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) for each vehicle. 25 26 The plates shall be renewed between January 1 and 27 February 4 every five calendar years, commencing in 1986. Any part of the year of the first application constitutes a calendar year. An application for renewal of an identification plate shall contain a space for the applicant's driver's license or identification card number, and the applicant shall furnish that number, if any, in the 33 space provided.
- 34 SEC. 22. Section 5014.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 35 to read:
- 36 5014.1. (a) Upon the implementation the 37 permanent trailer identification plate program, the following applies:

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> (1) The following trailers shall be assigned a trailer identification plate by the department in accordance with this section:

- (1) All trailers will receive an identification certificate 5 upon conversion to the permanent trailer identification 6 program. The following trailers, except as provided in 7 Section 5101, may be assigned a trailer identification plate 8 by the department in accordance with this section or an election may be made to keep the current plate on the 10 expiration date of registration:
 - (A) Logging dolly.
- (B) Pole or pipe dolly. 12
- (C) Semitrailer. 13

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- (D) Trailer.
- (E) Trailer bus.
- (2) An auxiliary dolly or tow dolly may be assigned a 16 permanent trailer identification plate. 17
- (3) Trailer coaches and park trailers, as described in 19 subdivision (b) of Section 18010 of the Health and Safety 20 Code, are exempted from the permanent 21 identification plate program.
- (b) The permanent trailer identification plate shall be 23 in a size and design as determined by the department.
- permanent trailer identification plate shall (c) The 25 not expire.
- (d) Upon sale or transfer of the commercial trailer or 27 semitrailer, the assigned permanent trailer identification 28 plate remains with the eommercial trailer or semitrailer 29 for the life of the vehicle except as provided in Section 30 5101. Upon transfer of ownership, a new ownership 31 certificate and a new identification certificate shall be 32 issued.
- 33 (e) A service fee, sufficient to pay at least the entire 34 actual costs to the department, not to exceed _____ 35 twenty dollars (\$______) (\$20) shall be assessed by the 36 department assigning permanent upon a trailer identification plate. 37
- (f) Fees for duplicate A fee of seven dollars (\$7) for 38 permanent trailer identification plates 39 substitute 40 certificates shall be charged.

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Alloutstanding commercial (g) An trailer semitrailer license plates and registration indicia that are were issued under this code on December 31, 2000 2001, shall be considered valid.

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- (h) All original trailers that register Every trailer which is submitted for original registration in this state will be issued a permanent trailer identification plate and identification certificate.
- (i) A service fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be charged 10 for each vehicle renewing its trailer plate or permanent 11 trailer identification plate. These plates shall be renewed 12 on the anniversary date of either the trailer plate 13 expiration date or the date of issuance of the original 14 permanent trailer identification plate, every 15 calendar years commencing in 2007.
- SEC. 23. Section 5015 of the Vehicle Code is amended 16 17 to read:
- 5015. (a) The application for an identification plate construction equipment, 19 for special equipment, cemetery equipment, any logging and vehicle shall be made before that piece of equipment is moved over a highway.
- (b) The application for an identification plate for a 24 cotton trailer or a farm trailer as specified in Section 36109, a vehicle that is farmer-owned and used as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 36101, a motor vehicle that is farmer-owned and operated and used as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 36101, or an automatic bale wagon operated as specified in subdivision 30 (a) or (b) of Section 36102 shall be made before any such piece of equipment is moved over a highway.
- (c) The application for permanent a 33 identification plate, as described in Section 5014.1, shall be made prior to the equipment or vehicle described in subdivision (a) being moved, towed, or left standing on any highway or in any offstreet public parking facility.
- SEC. 24. Section 5016 of the Vehicle Code is amended 37 38 to read:
- 5016. Upon proper application and payment of the 39 40 fees specified in Section 5014.1 or 9261, the department

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identification plate and an identification shall issue an piece of card for the equipment, vehicle, trailer, 3 semitrailer, or implement of husbandry for which application is made.

5 SEC. 25. Section 5017 of the Vehicle Code is amended 6 to read:

5017. (a) Each identification plate issued Section 5016 shall bear a distinctive number to identify the equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or 10 implement of husbandry for which it is issued. The owner, upon being issued a plate, shall attach it to the equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry for which it 12 13 is issued and shall carry the identification eard certificate 14 issued by the department as provided by Section 4454. It shall be unlawful for any person to attach or use the plate 16 upon any other equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, 17 semitrailer, implement of husbandry. or 18 equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry 19 is destroyed or the ownership thereof transferred to another person, the person to whom the plate was issued shall within 10 days notify the department, on a form 21 22 approved by the department, that the equipment, logging vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry has been destroyed or the ownership thereof 25 transferred to another person.

- implementation (b) Upon the of the permanent 27 trailer identification plate program, all trailers requiring license plates, except those exempted in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 shall may be assigned a single permanent plate for identification purposes. Upon issuance of the plate, it shall be attached to the vehicle pursuant to Sections 5200 and 5201.
- (c) An identification certificate shall be issued for each 34 trailer or semitrailer assigned an identification plate. The 35 identification certificate shall contain upon its face, the 36 date issued, the name and residence or business address of the owner registered owner or lessee and of the legal owner, if any, the registration vehicle identification number assigned to the trailer or semitrailer, and a description of the trailer or semitrailer as complete as that

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required in the application for registration of the trailer or semitrailer. When an identification certificate has been 3 issued to a trailer or semitrailer, the owner or operator shall make that certificate available for inspection by a 5 peace officer. upon request.

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(d) The application for transfer of ownership of a with a trailer plate or permanent trailer identification plate shall be made within 10 days of sale of the vehicle. A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) shall be 10 charged according to subdivision (c) of Section 9261. The permanent trailer identification certificate is not a certificate of ownership as described in Section 38076.

SEC. 26. Section 5101 of the Vehicle Code is amended 14 to read:

5101. Any person who is the registered owner or 16 lessee of a passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or commercial trailer or 18 semitrailer registered or certificated department, or who makes application for an original 20 registration or renewal registration of that vehicle, may, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 5106, apply 22 to the department for environmental license plates, in 23 the manner prescribed in Section 5105, which plates shall 24 be affixed to the passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle 25 motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or commercial trailer or semitrailer for which registration is sought in lieu of the regular license plates.

SEC. 27. Section 5103 of the Vehicle Code is amended 28 29 to read:

30 5103. "Environmental license plates," as used in this 31 article, means license plates or permanent 32 identification plates that have displayed upon them the registration number assigned to the passenger vehicle, 34 commercial vehicle motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or 35 commercial trailer or semitrailer for which 36 registration number was issued in a combination of letters or numbers, or both, requested by the owner or lessee of 37 38 the vehicle.

SEC. 28. Section 5106 of the Vehicle Code is amended 39 40 to read:

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5106. (a) Except as provided in Section 5101.7, in addition to the regular registration fee or a permanent trailer identification fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of forty dollars (\$40).

- (b) In addition to the regular renewal fee or a 6 permanent trailer identification fee for the vehicle to which the plates are assigned, the applicant for a renewal 8 of the plates shall be charged an additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). An applicant with a permanent 10 trailer identification plate shall be charged an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). However, applicants for 12 renewal of prisoner-of-war special license plates issued 13 under Section 5101.5 shall not be charged the additional 14 renewal fee under this subdivision.
- (c) When payment of renewal fees is not required as 16 specified in Section 4000, the holder of any environmental 17 license plate may retain the plate upon payment of an 18 annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). The fee shall be 19 due at the expiration of the registration year of the 20 vehicle to which the environmental license plate was last However, 21 assigned. applicants for retention 22 prisoner-of-war special license plates issued under 23 Section 5101.5 shall not be charged the additional 24 retention fee under this subdivision.
- (d) Notwithstanding Section 9265, the applicant for a 26 duplicate environmental license plate or a duplicate, 27 replacement commemorative 1984 Olympic 28 reflectorized license plate shall be charged a fee of thirty dollars (\$30).
- SEC. 29. Section 5108 of the Vehicle Code is amended 30 31 to read:
- 32 5108. Whenever any person who has been issued 33 environmental license plates applies to the department 34 for transfer of the plates to another passenger vehicle, commercial trailer 35 commercial vehicle. trailer, 36 semitrailer a transfer fee of twenty dollars (\$20) shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees. 37
- SEC. 30. Section 5204 of the Vehicle Code is amended 38 39 to read:

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1 5204. (a) Except as provided by subdivisions (b) and 2 (c), a tab shall indicate the year of expiration and a tab shall indicate the month of expiration. Current month and year tabs shall be attached to the rear license plate assigned to the vehicle for the last preceding registration year in which license plates were issued, and, when so attached, the license plate with the tabs shall, for the purposes of this code, be deemed to be the license plate, except that truck tractors, and commercial motor 10 vehicles having a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more, shall display the current month and year 12 tabs upon the front license plate assigned to the truck tractor or commercial motor vehicle. Vehicles that fail to 14 display current month and year tabs or display expired tabs are in violation of this section. 15

(b) The requirement of subdivision (a) that the tabs 17 indicate the year and the month of expiration does not apply to fleet vehicles subject to Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 5300) or vehicles defined in Section 468.

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- (c) Subdivision (a) does not apply when proper application for registration has been made pursuant to Section 4602 and the new indicia of current registration 23 have not been received from the department.
- (d) This section is enforceable against any motor 25 vehicle that is driven, moved, or left standing upon a highway, or in an offstreet public parking facility, in the same manner as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 4000.
- 29 SEC. 31. Section 5301 of the Vehicle Code is amended 30 to read:
- 5301. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 31 32 code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of 33 Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the 34 registered owner or lessee of a fleet of vehicles consisting 35 of commercial motor vehicles base plated in the state 36 under Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter 4, or passenger automobiles may, upon payment appropriate fees, apply 38 to the department
- permanent license plates or decals and registration cards.

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- (b) Fleets shall consist of at least 100 50 motor vehicles to qualify for this program. However, the department may provide for permanent fleet registration through an association providing a combination of fleets of motor vehicles of 500 250 or more vehicles with no individual 6 fleet of fewer than 50 25 motor vehicles. An association submitting an application of participation in the program shall provide within the overall application a listing identifying the registered owner of each fleet and the 10 motor vehicles within each fleet. Identification of the motor vehicles as provided in this article applies to the ownership of the motor vehicles and not the association 12 13 submitting the application.
- 14 (c) With the concurrence of both the department and 15 the participant, the changes made in this section by the 16 enactment of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 17 2000 2001 shall not affect those participants who were 18 lawfully participating in the permanent fleet registration 19 program on December 31, 2000 2001. Any fleet that 20 qualifies for permanent fleet registration as of December 21 31, 2001, will continue to count trailers to qualify as a fleet 22 until January 1, 2007. However, five years following the 23 implementation of the permanent trailer identification permanent 24 program, all participants in the 25 registration program shall meet the requirements of this 26 section in order to continue enrollment in the program described in this section.
- 28 SEC. 32. Section 5302 of the Vehicle Code is amended 29 to read:
- 30 5302. (a) Motor vehicles registered in any state other than California shall not be permitted to participate in 32 this program.
- (b) Section 4604 does not apply to vehicles registered 34 under this article.

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35 (c) The department may conduct an audit of the 36 records of each fleet owner or lessee of the vehicle fleets electing to participate in the program. The department 38 shall be fully reimbursed by the fleet owner or lessee for the costs of conducting the audits.

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(d) Vehicles registered under this article shall display in a conspicuous place on both the right and the left side of each motor vehicle the name, trademark, or logo of the company. The display of the name, trademark, or logo shall be in letters in sharp contrast to the background and shall be of a size, shape, and color that is readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet.

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(e) A motor vehicle under 6,000 pounds unladen weight that is owned or leased by a public utility may be 10 registered under this article by displaying the permanent fleet registration number on both the right and left side 12 or on the front and rear of the motor vehicle. The display shall be in sharp contrast to the background and shall be of a size, shape, and color that is readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet.

SEC. 33. Section 5305 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

5305. In addition to any other fees due for motor 19 vehicles pursuant registered to this article, department may charge and collect a service fee of one dollar (\$1) for each fleet motor vehicle at the time the initial application is submitted to the department and at the time of registration renewal of each fleet vehicle.

SEC. 34. Section 5902 of the Vehicle Code is amended 25 to read:

5902. (a) Whenever any person has received transferee a properly endorsed certificate of ownership, that person shall, within 10 days thereafter, forward the certificate with the proper transfer fee to the department thereby make application for a transfer registration. The certificate of ownership shall contain a space for the applicant's driver's license or identification number, and the applicant shall furnish number, if any, in the space provided.

(b) An application for a transfer of registration of a 36 commercial motor vehicle specified in Section 34500 shall include a declaration, made by the owner to the department upon the appropriate form furnished by it, that the owner is aware of the applicable motor carrier safety regulations adopted by the Department of the SB 2084 -36

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California Highway Patrol pursuant to Section 34501. A fleet owner registered owner, lessee, or designee may make this declaration on a single form for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet registered owner's 5 name.

(c) An application for a transfer of a commercial motor vehicle that exceeds 10,000 pounds declared gross vehicle weight, as specified in Section 34500, shall include the notification, made by the new registered owner, or that 10 owner's designee, of the declared gross vehicle weight of the commercial motor vehicle singly or in combination. An owner, A registered owner, lessee, or that owner's designee, may make this certification on a single form provided by the department for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the owner's name.

SEC. 35. Section 6851 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.

6851. (a) Every owner of utility trailers engaged in the business of leasing or renting such trailers for use in this State shall license and pay all applicable fees on the number of utility trailers equal to the average number of such trailers operated in or through the State. The average number shall be the average for one month of the total number of such trailers operated in or through the State during a calendar year, or as otherwise determined by the department.

- (b) Verifiable data as to this average number of utility trailers operating in and through this State shall be filed in certified form with the department. The owner shall make the records upon which its certified report is based available to the department upon request at its designated office for audit of computation and payments and shall preserve such records for a period of four years.
- (c) All other utility trailers when properly identified and licensed in any foreign jurisdiction, and belonging to an owner who has complied with the requirements of this section shall be permitted to operate in this State.
- (d) Following the right to be heard, the owner may be denied the right to any further benefits under this section if the department has determined that more trailers should have been registered.

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(e) Owners, as used here, includes association or group of owners, provided all trailers operated by said association or group are easily and clearly identified as being operated by them.

- SEC. 35.5. Section 6851.5 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.
- 6851.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code and of Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, any owner of a fleet of 500 or more utility trailers may apply for and be issued license plates and registration cards that are valid indefinitely. An applicant shall satisfy all of the following requirements:
- (1) All fees applicable to trailers comprising the fleet, as calculated pursuant to Section 6851, shall be paid on a calendar year basis.
- (2) Application for license plates and registration eards and payment of all applicable fees shall be made to the department prior to the calendar year in which the trailers comprising the fleet are to be leased or rented.
- (3) Application shall be made in the form prescribed by the department and shall be only for such utility trailers in a fleet having an unladen weight of 2,000 pounds or less.
- (4) The application shall specify the average number of utility trailers operated in or through the state for the 12 months immediately preceding the year for which the application is made, and the assessed value of such trailers.
- (b) Fees for utility trailers licensed pursuant to this section shall be based on the information filed with the department pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 6851.
- (c) Upon acceptance and approval of an application made pursuant to this section, the department shall issue to the applicant special license plates which have on each such plate (1) a general distinguishing number unique to the fleet of utility trailers operated by the applicant and (2) a number or letter for each utility trailer of the fleet. All license plates issued pursuant to this section shall be valid indefinitely. All such plates shall have a symbol that

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will distinguish them from all other types of license plates issued pursuant to this code.

- (d) Upon issuing the special series of license plates, the department shall also issue to the applicant a registration eard containing the applicant's name and address, the general distinguishing number assigned to the applicant's license plates, and any other information which the department may require in order to administer this section. All registration cards issued pursuant to this section shall be valid indefinitely.
- (e) If the number of utility trailers expected to be leased or rented by the fleet owner during the following registration year will differ from the current year, the 14 fleet owner shall, prior to the commencement of such 15 year, either surrender to the department a number of 16 license plates issued pursuant to this section that is equal to any decrease in the number of utility trailers or request issuance of additional license plates, and pay the appropriate amount of fees that is equal to any change in the number of utility trailers.
 - (f) The director may adopt rules and regulations concerning the issuance, use, and renewal of license plates and the payment of fees pursuant to this section.
 - SEC. 35.7. Section 8000 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 8000. The Reciprocity Commission may enter into agreements with foreign jurisdictions that provide for the exemption of fees for commercial vehicles if the foreign jurisdictions provide equivalent exemptions to vehicles 30 registered state. agreements in this The applicable to vehicles that are properly licensed and registered in the foreign jurisdictions. The commission may also enter into agreements that provide for the exemption of regulatory fees which are, or may be imposed, by the Public Utilities Code or the department.
- SEC. 36. Section 8054 of the Vehicle Code is amended 36 37 to read:
- 8054. (1) (a) Upon the application for transfer of 38 ownership of a fleet of vehicles apportionately registered pursuant to this article, the department shall permit

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registration in the new owners name without reassessing the registration and vehicle license fees, if the application of the new ownership is for the same fleet interstate operation as the previous owner.

(2) The new owner, or the owner's designee, shall

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- (b) The new owner, lessee, or their designee, shall certify the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or vehicles on a single form for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet owner's or lessee's name. 10 The department shall reassess the weight fees if the declared gross vehicle weight is increased. The weight fees may will be assessed at a prorated rate.
- SEC. 37. Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code is 14 amended to read:
- 9250.7. (a) (1) A service authority established under 16 Section 22710 may impose a service fee of one dollar (\$1) vehicles, exceptcommercial trailers 18 semitrailers described in subdivision (d) (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an owner with an address in the 20 county that established the service authority. The fee shall be paid to the department at the time of registration, 22 or renewal of registration, or when renewal becomes delinquent, except on vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment 25 registration fees.
- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and the implementation of the permanent trailer plate program, and 28 identification as part of the 29 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 2001, all 30 commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- 34 (b) The department, after deducting 35 administrative costs, shall transmit, at least quarterly, the 36 net amount collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the Treasurer for deposit in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust 38 Fund, which is hereby created. All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the Controller allocation to a service authority that has an approved

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abatement program abandoned vehicle pursuant Section 22710, and for payment of the administrative costs of the Controller. After deduction of its administrative costs, the Controller shall allocate the money in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund to each service authority 6 in proportion to the revenues received from the fee imposed by that authority pursuant to subdivision (a). If any funds received by a service authority pursuant to this section are not expended to abate abandoned vehicles 10 pursuant to an approved abandoned vehicle abatement 11 program within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year in 12 which the funds were received and the amount of those 13 funds exceeds the amount expended by the service 14 authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles in the previous fiscal year, a fee imposed pursuant to subdivision 16 (a) shall be suspended for one year, commencing the 17 following January 1. 18

- (c) The fee imposed by a service authority shall 19 remain in effect only for a period of 10 years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commenced.
 - SEC. 38. Section 9250.8 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9250.8. (a) In addition to any other fees specified in 24 this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration or 26 renewal of registration of every vehicle, commercial trailers semitrailers and described subdivision (d) (a) of Section 5014.1, subject registration under this code, except those vehicles that 30 are expressly exempted under this code from payment of registration fees.
- (b) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) fee, upon the 33 implementation of the permanent trailer identification 34 plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle 35 Registration Act of 2000 2001, all commercial motor 36 vehicles shall pay an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).
- SEC. 39. Section 9250.10 of the Vehicle Code is 37 38 amended to read:
- 39 9250.10. (a) (1) In addition to any specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation

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Code, any additional fees imposed by a service authority for freeway emergencies pursuant to Section 2555 of the Streets and Highways Code shall be paid to the department at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, except commercial trailers and semitrailers described in subdivision (d) (a) of Section 5014.1, subject to registration under this code in the subject counties, except those vehicles that are 9 expressly exempted under this code from the payment of 10 registration fees.

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- (2) In addition to the additional fees imposed for 12 freeway emergencies, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and 14 as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 2001, all commercial motor vehicles registered to an 16 owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
 - administrative (b) After deducting its department shall distribute the additional fees collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the authority in the county in which they were collected.
- SEC. 40. Section 9250.13 of the Vehicle Code is 24 amended to read:
- 9250.13. (a) (1) In addition to any other fees 26 specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of 28 registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, except commercial trailers and semitrailers described in Section 5014.1, subdivision (d) (a) of registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from payment of registration fees.
- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) fee, upon the 35 implementation of the permanent trailer identification 36 plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle 37 Registration Act of 2000 2001, all commercial motor vehicles shall pay an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).
- 39 (b) The money realized pursuant to this section shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for

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expenditure to offset the costs of increasing uniformed field strength of the Department of the California Highway Patrol beyond its 1994 staffing level and those costs associated with maintaining this new level of uniformed field strength and carrying out those duties specified in subdivision (a) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code.

SEC. 41. Section 9250.14 of the Vehicle Code is 8 9 amended to read:

9250.14. (a) (1) In addition to anv other specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation 12 Code, upon the adoption of a resolution by any county board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid 14 at the time of registration or renewal of registration of vehicle. except commercial 15 everv trailers 16 semitrailers described in subdivision (d) (a) of Section 17 5014.1, registered to an address within that county except 18 those expressly exempted from payment of registration 19 fees. The fees, after deduction of the administrative costs incurred by the department in carrying out this section, shall be paid quarterly to the Controller.

- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and 23 upon the implementation of the permanent trailer part 24 identification plate program, and as 25 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 2001, all commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of 31 Government Code, the money paid to the Controller is 32 continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for the administrative costs of the Controller, and for disbursement by the Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to an address within that county.
 - (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, money allocated to a county pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that

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enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. In any county with a population of 200,000 or less, the money shall be expended exclusively for those vehicle theft crime programs and for the prosecution of crimes 6 involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 or subdivision (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination 10 of those crimes.

(d) No money collected pursuant to this section shall be expended to offset a reduction in any other source of 12 13 funds, nor for any purpose not authorized under this 14 section.

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- (e) Any funds received by a county prior to January 1, 16 2000, pursuant to this section that are not expended to investigate, or prosecute crimes pursuant to 18 subdivision (c) shall be returned to the Controller, for deposit in the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. Those funds received by a county after January 1, 2000, shall be expended in accordance with this section.
- (f) Each county that has adopted or adopts a resolution 24 pursuant to subdivision (a) shall submit, on or before the 25 13th day following the end of each quarter, a quarterly 26 expenditure and activity report to the designated 27 statewide Vehicle Theft Investigation and Apprehension 28 Coordinator the Department of the in California 29 Highway Patrol. The coordinator shall compile all county 30 reports and prepare an annual report for dissemination to the Legislature and participating counties.
 - (g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 42. Section 9250.19 of the Vehicle Code is 36 37 amended to read:
- 38 9250.19. (a) (1) In addition to any other specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to this

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subdivision by any county board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration, renewal, or supplemental application for apportioned registration pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with 5 Section 8050) of Chapter 4 of every vehicle, except commercial trailers and semitrailers described subdivision (d) (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an 8 address within that county except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees. The fees, after deduction of the administrative costs incurred by 10 the department in carrying out this section, shall be paid quarterly to the Controller. 12

- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and 14 upon implementation of the permanent trailer 15 identification plate program, and as part 16 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 2001, all commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (3) A resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include findings as to the purpose of, and the need for, imposing the additional registration fee, and shall identify the date after which the fee shall no longer be 25 imposed.
- Section 13340 (b) Notwithstanding of 27 Government Code, the money paid to the Controller 28 pursuant to subdivision (a) is continuously appropriated, 29 without regard to fiscal years, for disbursement by the 30 Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to an address within that county, supplemental or application for apportioned registration, and, appropriation by the Legislature, for the administrative 36 costs of the Controller incurred under this section.
- (c) Money allocated to a county pursuant 38 subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund 39 programs that enhance the capacity of local automated mobile enforcement to provide and fixed

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location fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular 4 manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 of the Penal Code or subdivision (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination of those and other vehicle-related crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.

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- (d) The data from any program funded pursuant to 10 subdivision (c) shall be made available by the local law enforcement agency to any local public agency that is 12 required by law to obtain a criminal history background of persons as a condition of employment with that local 14 public agency. A local law enforcement agency that 15 provides the data may charge a fee to cover its actual costs 16 in providing that data.
- (e) (1) No money collected pursuant to this section 18 shall be used to offset a reduction in any other source of 19 funds for the purposes authorized under this section.
- (2) Funds collected pursuant to this section, upon 21 recommendation of local or regional Remote Access 22 Network Boards to the Board of Supervisors, shall be used 23 exclusively for the purchase, by competitive bidding 24 procedures, and the operation of equipment which is 25 compatible with the Department of Justice's Cal-ID 26 master plan, as described in Section 11112.2 of the Penal 27 Code, and the equipment shall interface in a manner that 28 is in compliance with the requirement described in the Justice Information Services. 30 Fingerprint Transmission Specification, prepared by the 31 Federal Bureau of Investigation and dated August 24, 1995.
- (f) The fee imposed under this section shall remain in 34 effect only for a period of five years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commences, unless a later 36 enacted statute deletes or extends that period.
- SEC. 43. Section 9250.20 is added to the Vehicle Code, 37 38 to read:
- 39 9250.20. (a) Fees collected by the department under 40 the Commercial Vehicle Act of 2000 2001, shall be

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distributed to the same funds and accounts, for the same purposes, and in a similar ratio as those fees were previously distributed prior to the enactment of this 4 section.

- 5 (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to Sections 9250.7, 6 9250.8, 9250.10, 9250.13, 9250.14, and 9250.15.
- 7 SEC. 43.1. Section 9250.20 is added to the Vehicle 8 Code, to read:
- 9 9250.20. (a) Fees collected by the department under 10 the Commercial Vehicle Act of 2000, shall be distributed to the same funds and accounts, for the same purposes, and in a similar ratio as those fees were previously 12 distributed prior to the enactment of this section which 14 do not go to cities, cities and counties, or counties pursuant to the Vehicle License Fee Law which are not 16 vehicle license fees within the meaning of the Vehicle 17 License Fee Law (Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code).
- (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to Sections 9250.7, 19 20 9250.8, 9250.10, 9250.13, 9250.14, and 9250.15.
- 21 SEC. 44. Section 9260 of the Vehicle Code is amended 22 to read:
- 9260. (a) The fee for a temporary registration issued 24 under Section 4004 is one-quarter of the annual fees in 25 Division 3 (commencing with Section 4000) of this code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, for the period that the vehicle is to be operated in this state.
- (b) The fee for a trip permit issued under Section 4004 29 30 is forty-five dollars (\$45) for each commercial motor 31 vehicle.
- SEC. 45. Section 9261 of the Vehicle Code is amended 32 33 to read:
- 34 9261. (a) A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) shall be 35 paid for an identification plate issued pursuant to Section
- 36 5014. Publicly owned special construction equipment,
- cemetery equipment, special mobile equipment, logging
- 38 vehicles, and implements of husbandry are exempt from
- the service charge.

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(b) A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) shall be paid for an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5016.5.

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- (c) Upon application for the transfer of interest of an owner in a piece of equipment, vehicle, or implement of husbandry identified pursuant to Section 5014, transferee shall pay a fee of seven dollars (\$7).
- (d) A fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid upon the renewal of an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5014 or 5016.5.
- SEC. 46. Section 9400 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 9400. Except as provided in Section 9400.1, and in addition to any other registration fee, there shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the registration of any commercial motor vehicle singly, or in combination, that 16 operates with a declared gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less. Weight fees for pickup trucks are calculated under 18 this section. Whenever a camper is temporarily attached to a motor vehicle designed to transport property, the motor vehicle shall be subject to the fees imposed by this section. The camper shall be deemed to be a load, and fees 22 imposed by this section upon the motor vehicle shall be based upon the unladen weight of the motor vehicle, exclusive of the camper.
 - (a) For any electric vehicle designed, used, maintained as described in this section, fees shall be paid for registration according to the following schedule:

Unladen Weight	Fee
Less than 6,000 lbs	\$ 87
6,000 lbs. or more but less than 10,000 lbs	266
10,000 lbs, or more	358

(b) For any motor vehicle having not more than two axles and designed, used, or maintained as described in this section, other than an electric vehicle, fees shall be paid for registration according to the following schedule:

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39	Unladen Weight	Fee
40	Less than 3,000 lbs	\$ 8

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1	3,000 lbs. to and including 4,000 lbs	24
2	4,001 lbs. to and including 5,000 lbs	80
3	5,001 lbs. to and including 6,000 lbs	154
4	6,001 lbs. to and including 7,000 lbs	204
5	7,001 lbs. to and including 8,000 lbs	257
6	8,001 lbs. to and including 9,000 lbs	308
7	9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs	360
8	10,001 lbs. to and including 11,000 lbs	409
9	11,001 lbs. to and including 12,000 lbs	462
10	12,001 lbs. to and including 13,000 lbs	513
11	13,001 lbs. to and including 14,000 lbs	563
12	14,001 lbs. and over	616
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(c) For any motor vehicle having three or more axles designed, used, or maintained as described in this section, other than an electric vehicle, fees shall be paid for registration according to the following schedule:

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19	Unladen Weight	Fee
20	2,000 lbs. to and including 3,000 lbs	\$ 43
21	3,001 lbs. to and including 4,000 lbs	77
22	4,001 lbs. to and including 5,000 lbs	154
23	5,001 lbs. to and including 6,000 lbs	231
24	6,001 lbs. to and including 7,000 lbs	308
25	7,001 lbs. to and including 8,000 lbs	385
26	8,001 lbs. to and including 9,000 lbs	462
27	9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs	539
28	10,001 lbs. to and including 11,000 lbs	616
29	11,001 lbs. to and including 12,000 lbs	693
30	12,001 lbs. to and including 13,000 lbs	770
31	13,001 lbs. to and including 14,000 lbs	847
32	14,001 lbs. to and including 15,000 lbs	924
33	15,001 lbs. and over	1,016
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- (d) This section is not applicable to any vehicle that is 36 operated or moved over the highway exclusively for the exhibition or purpose of historical other noncommercial purpose.
- (e) The fee changes effected by this section apply to 39 40 (1) initial or original registration on or after January 1,

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1995, and prior to December 31, 2000 2001, of any commercial vehicle never before registered in this state and (2) to renewal of registration of any commercial vehicle whose registration expires on or after January 1, 1995, and prior to January 1, 2000 December 31, 2001.

- (f) Any registration of a commercial vehicle subject to this section for which the following apply:
- 8 (1) The initial or original registration fee is due on or 9 after December 31, 2000 2001, or any vehicle not 10 previously registered in this state.
- 11 (2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for 12 which the registration period expires on or after 13 December 31, 2000 2001, shall be assessed fees based on 14 this section.
- 15 SEC. 47. Section 9400.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 16 to read:
 - 9400.1. In addition to any other registration fee, there shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the registration of commercial motor vehicles operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more. *Pickup truck weight fees are not calculated under this section.*

Gross Vehicle Weight Range Fee 75.000–80.000

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The fee changes effected by this section apply to (1) 2 initial or original registration on and after December 31, 2000 2001, of any commercial motor vehicle operated 4 either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more and (2) to renewal of registration of any commercial motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination, with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more for which registration expires on or after December 31, 2000 2001.

SEC. 47.1. Section 9400.1 is added to the Vehicle 11 Code, to read:

9400.1. In addition to any other registration fee, there 13 shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the 14 registration of commercial motor vehicles operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross 16 vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more.

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18	Gross Vehicle Weight Range	Fee
19	10,001–14,999	\$
20	15,000–19,999	
21	20,000–26,000	
22	26,001–29,999	
23	30,000–34,999	
24	35,000–39,999	
25	40,000–44,999	
26	45,000–49,999	
27	50,000–54,999	
28	55,000–59,999	
29	60,000–64,999	
30	65,000–69,999	
31	70,000–74,999	
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The fee changes effected by this section apply to (1) 35 initial or original registration on and after December 31, 36 2000, of any commercial motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more and (2) to renewal of registration of any commercial motor vehicle operated either singly or in combination, with a declared gross **— 51 —** SB 2084

vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more for which registration expires on or after December 31, 2000.

SEC. 48. Section 9406 of the Vehicle Code is amended 3 4 to read:

5 9406. Alterations or additions to registered vehicles 6 for which fees have been paid under Section 9400 or 9400.1 placing the vehicles in weight fee classifications under Section 9400 or 9400.1 greater than the weight fees previously paid shall be reported to the department and 10 at the same time the difference between the weight fee 11 previously paid, reduced as provided in Section 9407, and 12 the greater weight fee, reduced as provided in Section 13 9407, shall be paid to the department upon the operation 14 of the vehicles in the greater weight fee classification under Section 9400 or 9400.1.

SEC. 49. Section 9406.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 16 17 to read:

9406.1. Prior to operation of a vehicle at a certified 18 19 declared gross vehicle weight greater than reported to, and registered by, the department, the owner shall make application to the department and pay all appropriate 22 fees.

23 SEC. 50. Section 9554.2 is added to the Vehicle Code, 24 to read:

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9554.2. Upon the operation of a commercial motor 26 vehicle at a greater gross vehicle weight than that that had been reported to and registered by the department, 28 a new registration application shall be made to the 29 department. The greater declared gross vehicle weight 30 fee and applicable penalties as defined in Sections 9406 and 9559 fee as required in Section 9400.1 and any penalties defined in this code shall be paid to the department.

34 SEC. 51. Section 27910 is added to the Vehicle Code, 35 to read:

36 27910. The Department of the California Highway 37 Patrol shall initiate a 12-month study to determine an enforce the provisions effective means to of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000. The 40 Department of the California Highway Patrol,

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1 consultation with representatives from the Department

- 2 of Transportation, the Board of Equalization, the
- 3 Department of Motor Vehicles, and the commercial
- 4 vehicle industry, shall provide, on or before _____
- 5 recommendations to the Legislature for actions to be 6 taken to ensure compliance with that act.
- 7 SEC. 52. Section 36010 of the Vehicle Code is 8 amended to read:
 - 36010. A "farm trailer" is either of the following:
 - (a) A trailer or semitrailer owned and operated by a farmer in the conduct of agricultural operations, and used exclusively to transport agricultural products upon the highway to the point of first handling and return.
- (b) A trailer or semitrailer equipped with rollers on the bed, with a frame not taller than 10 inches high, and with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, that is owned, rented, or leased by a farmer and operated by that farmer in the conduct of agricultural operations, used exclusively to transport fruit and vegetables upon the highway to the point of first handling and return, and that was manufactured and in use prior to January 1, 1997. These vehicles may also be operated on the highways without a load for the purposes of delivering a rented or leased vehicle to the renting or leasing farmer's farm, or returning empty to the owner's premises.
- 26 SEC. 53. Section 36109 of the Vehicle Code is 27 amended to read:
- 36109. "Farm trailers," as defined in Section 36010, 29 having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, are exempt 30 from registration except that Section 5014 shall apply to 31 such trailers.
- 32 SEC. 54. Section 42030.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 33 to read:
- 34 42030.1. (a) Every person convicted of a violation of 35 any declared gross vehicle weight limitation provision of 36 this code, shall be punished by a fine that equals the 37 amounts specified in the following table:

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1	Pounds in Excess of the Declared Gross Vehicle Weight	Fine
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3	1,001–1,500	\$ 250
4	1,501–2,000	300
5	2,001–2,500	350
6	2,501–3,000	400
7	3,001–3,500	450
8	3,501–4,000	500
9	4,001–4,500	550
10	4,501–5,000	600
11	5,001–6,000	700
12	6,001–7,000	800
13	7,001–8,000	900
14	8,001–10,000	1,000
15	10,001 and over	2,000
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(b) No part of the penalties prescribed by this section 18 shall be suspended for a conviction of any of the following:

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- (1) Section 40001 for requiring operation of a vehicle upon a highway in violation of any provision referred to in this section.
- (2) Any provision referred to in this section when a 23 second or subsequent conviction of a violation thereof 24 occurs within three years immediately preceding the 25 violation charged.
- SEC. 55. On or before January 1, 2002 2003, and 27 annually thereafter, the Department of Transportation 28 Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Department of 29 the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Motor 30 Vehicles Transportation, the Board of Equalization, and 31 the commercial vehicle industry, shall review and report 32 to the Legislature its findings and, if applicable, make any recommendation as to the necessary adjustments in the 34 fee schedule, to ensure that revenue neutrality obtained and maintained for all affected entities and 36 funds.
- 37 SEC. 55.2. (a) The validity of the assertion in the 38 provisions of this act adding Section 10851.5 to the Revenue and Taxation Code that the moneys equal to the 40 sum of the vehicle license fees that were collected from

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commercial trailers or semitrailers under the unladen weight registration system, prior to January 1, 2000, shall 3 be incorporated into the declared gross vehicle weight 4 fee schedule as set forth in Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle 5 Code as part of the implementation of the permanent 6 trailer plate identification program are the successor to the former vehicle license fee provisions applicable to commercial vehicles and subject to Section 15 of Article 9 XI of the California Constitution, and fall within the 10 exemption set forth in Section 7 of Article XIX of the 11 California Constitution, and therefore are not subject to dedication provisions of Article XIX may be 12 the 13 challenged only by the filing with California Supreme 14 Court of a writ within 30 calendar days after this act is 15 enacted and becomes effective. Any challenge relating 16 to the issue of whether or not additional sums collected 17 under Section 9400.1 qualify as revenues collected 18 pursuant to the successor to the Vehicle License Fee Law 19 (Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of 20 the Revenue and Taxation Code), as described in 21 subdivision (a) of Section 15 of Article XI of the California 22 Constitution, shall be raised before the California 23 Supreme Court by writ within 30 days of the date this act 24 is enacted and becomes operative. Any subsequent 25 challenge on this ground shall be filed in the same fashion within 30 days of the actual standing to make that 27 challenge. 28

- 28 (b) The California Supreme Court shall issue its 29 decision on the writ no later than 45 calendar days after 30 it is filed with the court.
- 31 (c) If the Supreme Court determines that the moneys 32 referred to in subdivision (a) of this section are subject to 33 the dedication provisions of Article XIX of the California 34 Constitution, then:
- 35 (1) Sections 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 7.5, 43.1, and 47.1 of this act
 36 shall go into effect on the first day on which the
 37 Department of Motor Vehicles is so notified by the
 38 Department of Finance of that final judicial
 39 determination by the California Supreme Court.

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(2) Sections 43 and 47 of this act shall be inoperative 2 and be repealed on the first day on which the Department of Motor Vehicles is so notified by the Department of Finance of that final judicial 5 determination by the California Supreme Court.

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- SEC. 55.4. Notwithstanding Section 2229 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made by this act and the state shall not reimburse any local government for any property tax revenues lost by it pursuant to Section 1.5 of this act.
- (c) If a challenge is raised under subdivision (a) of this section, this act shall not become operative until the date 12 13 the Department of Motor Vehicles is notified by the 14 Department of Finance of a final determination by the 15 California Supreme Court that the revenues collected 16 under Section 9400.1 are a successor to the Vehicle License Fee Law.
- SEC. 55.5. This act shall become operative for vehicle 18 19 registrations that expire December 31, 2001.
- SEC. 55.7. The sum of three million five hundred 21 twenty thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$3,520,809) 22 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Motor 23 Vehicles from the Motor Vehicle Account in the State 24 Transportation Fund for purposes of implementing this 25 act.
- 26 SEC. 56. No reimbursement is required by this act 27 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California 28 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred 29 by a local agency or school district will be incurred 30 because this act creates a new crime or infraction, 31 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty 32 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition 34 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article 35 XIII B of the California Constitution.
- SEC. 57. This act is an urgency statute necessary for 36 37 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, 38 or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the 39 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts 40 constituting the necessity are:

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If California does not enact this act during this legislative session, California stands to lose as much as \$126 million in truck and trailer revenues. Of equal concern is the fact that if California is no longer a member of the IRP, many trucking fleet operators may be encouraged to relocate their operations outside of this state, meaning the loss of valuable jobs. In order to protect California's interests, it is vital that this act go into immediate effect.